

STOW BEDON & BRECKLES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Stow Bedon & Breckles Parish Council on Wednesday, 18 June 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

**Present: Councillors: Phil Childs (Chairman), Paul Howe, Dawn Jessett, John Morfoot, Lee Pilkington.
Julian Gibson (Clerk)**

- 1 **Apologies for absence.** None.
- 2 **Declarations of interest.** None.
- 3 **Dispensations.** None.
- 4 **Public participation session.** District Councillor Phil Cowen said that an Environmental Impact Assessment for the development at Watering Farm had now been submitted, but that as it was a retrospective application the applicant was responsible for advertising the process. This he had failed to do, and so the application had not yet been registered while this further error was corrected. He then spoke length about the very recent announcement of the closing of the list at Watton Surgery to residents of this parish. NHS England had only been informed a few weeks ago, and the first many patients knew about the changes was when they received a letter giving them two weeks notice that they had to find an alternative doctor. In total some 1,800 patients were effected, 40/50 in this parish. Councillor Cowen said his Scrutiny Committee at Breckland were investigating and making plans to do what they could to assist.
- 5 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12 May 2014 had not been circulated, so it was **agreed** to hold their confirmation and signature over until the next meeting.
- 6 **Matters arising.** None.
- 7 **Correspondence.** The following correspondence was **received**:
 - 7.1 Breckland Council: *Breckland Local Plan.*
 - 7.2 Breckland Council: *Recycling remittance Advice.*
 - 7.3 Barclays Bank Plc: *Community Account Statement - 1-30 May 2014.*
 - 7.4 Barclays Bank Plc: *Active Saver Account Statement - 1-30 May 2014.*
- 8 **Planning.**
 - 8.1 **3AG/2014/0015/AG: Bowes Farm, Stow Bedon.** Application under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 for Erection of steel framed straw barn. Notice that no prior approval is required dated 10 June 2014 was **received**.
 - 8.2 **3PL/2013/1121/F: Breckles Farm Brookside off A1075.** 5 biomass heating packaged plant rooms. Planning Permission dated 12 May 2014 was **received**.
 - 8.3 **3PL/2013/0730/F etc: Traditional Norfolk Poultry, Breckles Farm Site, Land near Breckles Heath, Stow Bedon.** Notice that the Planning Inspector has arranged a site visit for 10 June 2014, and subsequent notice that this has been cancelled because the appellants was unable to attend was **received**.
 - 8.4 **3PL/2014/0412/O: Stone Leigh Cottage, Mere Road, Stow Bedon.** Application for Erection of 4 bed dwelling & detached garage. Outline Planning permission dated 10 June 2014 was **received**.
- 9 **Casual Vacancies.** No progress.

- 10 Pingo Trail Car Park.** Norfolk County Council have approved that “a concerned local resident” should carry out any work necessary to open up the full extent of the car park area. The Highway Engineer has said that he has asked County Councillor Ian Monson to speak to the resident concerned (Councillor Morfoot). The Clerk will remind him so that work can start
- 11 Telephone kiosk.** The Chairman said that a youth had been spotted throwing stones at the kiosk in Mere Road, breaking three panes. After some discussion, it was **agreed** that the Clerk should order the replacement panes, and arrange for the repair to be carried out by Mr Garry Elley, who has recently repainted a similar kiosk for Roudham & Larling Parish Council. The Clerk will then send the family involved copies of the accounts asking for reimbursement. The Chairman will obtain the name and address for this.
- 12 Notice Boards.** The Clerk reported that, since Wayland Prison had given the positive statement regarding using inmates to carry out the required maintenance work on the notice boards, there had been several incidences of prisoners abusing the trust placed in them, and so it was impossible to say when anybody might now be available. This matter has now been running for some three years, and the state of the boards is steadily worsening, so it was essential that something was done quickly. A quotation had been obtained at the time from the board’s manufacturers, but the Council still felt that this was excessive. It was **agreed** that Councillor Morfoot should ask a local man to carry out the work, asking him to do just one initially. Councillor Morfoot was authorised to negotiate a price of up to £80.00 for one board, and then if the work was satisfactory, he could be asked to do the others. Councillor Morfoot said he would clear round the board in the Pingo Tree lay-by so this could be done first.
- 13 Annual Parish Meeting.** The draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 12 May 2014, to be signed at the next Parish Meeting were **confirmed**. There were no actions arising.
- 14 Finance.**
- 14.1 **Clerk’s salary.** It was **resolved** that cheques numbered 100643 & 100644 totalling £571.53 (salary for 1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014: £486.49; Mileage Allowance Payment for 3 March 2014 to 8 June 2014: £85.04 of which £2.58 is the VAT element) to the Clerk and HM Revenue & Customs be signed. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 112(2)*)
- 14.2 **Clerk’s reimbursement.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100645 for £39.08 (Postage & Telephones £9.08, Audit £30.00) to the Clerk be signed as reimbursement for items paid on behalf of the Council for 3 March 2014 to 9 June 2014. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)
- 14.3 **Training.** It was **resolved** that cheque number 100646 for £5.63 to Norfolk Association of Local Councils be signed, being this parish’s share of the cost of the Clerk attending the Norfolk ALC Summer Conference. (*Local Government Act 1972 s. 111*)
- 14.4 **Monthly Financial Report.** The report for the month ending 31 May 2014 was **received**.
- 15 Matters for consideration at next meeting.**
- 15.1 Approval of May meeting minutes.
- 15.2 Possible change of meeting day.

16 Next meeting. The next meeting of the Parish Council, was **confirmed** as **Monday, 14 July 2014**, at 7.30 p.m. in Caston Village Hall.

Confirmed:

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Phil Childs, Chairman

14 July 2014

Scheduled future Meeting dates:

Monday, 18 August 2014*

Monday, 17 November 2014

Monday, 16 February 2015

Monday, 15 September 2014

Monday, 15 December 2014

Monday, 16 March 2015

Monday, 20 October 2014

Monday, 19 January 2015*

*If needed